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O Almighty God, again we thy humble servants call upon thy name. Grant us peace that in this hour we may channel all our energy in worship of thee, help us to shut out all those things that are inappropriate in thy sight, still our minds and open our hearts that we might know thou art near.

In grateful thanksgiving we bow before thee, O God. We give thee hearty thanks for all the ways we have been blessed. Beginning with the gift of life thou hast sustained us, enabling us to live and move and have our being; through thine infinite wisdom carrying for our every need.

We thank thee O Lord for every instance of good that we see about us. For the changing seasons that show forth thy wisdom; for the harvest of crops which manifest thy life giving energy - an energy that exists even in the earth upon which we walk.

We thank thee O God for our great land, and for our state and community; for families and friends, for love and companionship.

In and through all our thanksgiving runs the awareness that thou hast loved us. Our words seem insufficient when we attempt to express the feelings of our hearts. O God of love - accept this our prayer of thanksgiving.

O Lord of all life, as men all over the world speak of destruction; as we stand on the verge of conflict we humbly ask thy presence. Once again men have managed to create havoc & confusion - once again the lust for power has so dominated men's imaginations that they have completely abandoned reason. - Forgive them Lord - Give us & our nation the courage to withstand the anxiety and tension; give us the stamina to hold our banner high. Make thy presence known O God, - at the conference table, in the White House, in the Kremlin, in the United Nations and throughout the world. Instill in men everywhere the spirit of patience & sensitivity, of love and kindness.

O God of mercy be with all those who needlessly suffer. Send thy healing grace upon those of ill health, comfort the mentally disturbed, be with those who mourn the loss of a loved one.

Our heavenly Father we ask thy guidance in all that we do. Teach us thy will, help us as we work in this church - to be true to thy gospel; give us the strength to make thy will a reality in our daily lives.

All this we pray in the name of our Lord & Savior Jesus Christ

Amen